

*In the Claims*

The status of claims in the case is as follows:

- 1     1.    [Previously presented] A computer implemented method  
2     for approving and paying an invoice for commodities  
3     triggered by a three way match whereby said invoice must  
4     match terms and conditions of a purchase order, and goods  
5     received must match those stated in quality and quantity  
6     against said purchase order, comprising the steps of:  
  
7         receiving a requisition from a requestor of  
8         commodities;  
  
9         marking said commodities upon said requisition as  
10        either receivable or non-receivable commodities;  
  
11        receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;  
  
12        matching said invoice to said purchase order;  
  
13        generating from said invoice a notification to said  
14        requestor of commodities that includes information  
15        needed to pay the invoice and a selectable button for

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16 authorizing or rejecting payment to enable said three  
17 way match by said requestor of goods received, purchase  
18 order, and invoice;

19 for commodities marked as receivable, executing a  
20 positive confirmation process including:

21 responsive to authorization by said requestor,  
22 creating an automated receipt transaction file and  
23 entering said transaction file into an enterprise  
24 resource planning system for payment; and

25 responsive to rejection by said requestor,  
26 creating an e-mail notification to accounts  
27 payable for returning said invoice to said vendor;

28 for commodities marked as non-receivable, executing a  
29 negative confirmation process.

1 2. [Canceled]

1 3. [Canceled]

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1 4. [Canceled]

1 5. [Canceled]

6. [Canceled]

1 7. [Canceled]

1 8. [Canceled]

1 9. [Canceled]

2 10. [Currently amended] The method of ~~claim 9~~ claim 1,  
3 further comprising the step on a scheduled basis of  
4 executing a bridge for sending data from said database to  
5 said back-end procurement services system for new invoice  
6 items for which payment has been accepted.

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1 11. [Original] The method of claim 10, further comprising  
2 the step of posting as goods receipts at said back-end  
3 procurement services system said new invoice items for which  
4 payment has been accepted.

1 12. [Original] The method of claim 1, further comprising  
2 the steps of:

3 directing said authorizer to review a positive  
4 confirmation notice within a front-end requisition and  
5 catalog system;

6 responsive to said authorizer logging in to said front-  
7 end system, displaying said notification.

1 13. [Previously presented] System for approving and paying  
2 an invoice for commodities triggered by a three way match  
3 whereby said invoice must match terms and conditions of a  
4 purchase order, and goods received must match those stated  
5 in quality and quantity against said purchase order,  
6 comprising:

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7 a front-end requisition and catalog server; said front-  
8 end server for marking said commodities upon  
9 requisition as either receivable or non-receivable  
10 commodities;

11 a user interface to said front-end server for receiving  
12 positive confirmation notices and providing positive  
13 confirmation responses;

14 a back-end procurement services system;

15 said front-end system responsive to receiving an  
16 invoice from said back-end system marked at time or  
17 requisition as a non-receivable commodity that was  
18 sourced from said front-end server of executing a  
19 negative confirmation process for payment  
20 authorization;

21 said front-end server being responsive receiving an  
22 invoice from said back-end system marked at time of  
23 requisition as a receivable commodity for executing a  
24 positive confirmation process for payment authorization  
25 including matching said invoice to said purchase order,  
26 generating from said invoice a notification to an

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27 authorizer that includes information needed to pay the  
28 invoice and a selectable button for authorizing or  
29 rejecting payment to enable said three way match by  
30 said requestor of goods received, purchase order, and  
31 invoice; and

32 said front-end server being responsive to authorization  
33 by said authorizer for an invoice received for a  
34 commodity marked at requisition as a receivable  
35 commodity for creating an automated receipt transaction  
36 file and entering said transaction file into said back-  
37 end system for payment.

1 14. [Canceled]

1 15. [Canceled]

16. [Canceled]

1 17. [Previously presented] A program storage device  
2 readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of

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3 instructions executable by a machine to perform method steps  
4 for approving and paying an invoice for commodities  
5 triggered by a three way match whereby said invoice must  
6 match terms and conditions of a purchase order, and goods  
7 received must match those stated in quality and quantity  
8 against said purchase order, said method steps comprising:

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10 marking said commodities upon requisition as either  
11 receivable or non-receivable commodities;

12 receiving said invoice for commodities from a vendor;

13 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity  
14 marked upon requisition as a non-receivable commodity,  
15 executing a negative confirmation process for payment  
16 authorization;

17 responsive to receiving an invoice for a commodity  
18 marked upon requisition as a receivable commodity,  
19 executing a positive confirmation process for payment  
20 authorization, including:

21 matching said invoice to said purchase order;

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22 generating from said invoice a notification to an  
23 authorizer that includes information needed to pay  
24 the invoice and a selectable button for  
25 authorizing or rejecting payment to enable said  
26 three way match by said requestor of goods  
27 received, purchase order, and invoice; and  
  
28 responsive to authorization by said authorizer,  
29 creating an automated receipt transaction file and  
30 entering said transaction file into a system for  
31 payment.

1 18. [Canceled]

2 19. [Previously presented] A computer program product for  
3 approving and paying an invoice for commodities triggered by  
4 a three way match whereby said invoice must match terms and  
5 conditions of a purchase order, and goods received must  
6 match those stated in quality and quantity against said  
7 purchase order, comprising:

8 a computer readable medium;

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9 first program instructions for receiving a requisition  
10 for commodities from a requestor and marking said  
11 commodities selectively as receivable and non-  
12 receivable commodities;

13 second program instructions for receiving said invoice  
14 for commodities from a vendor;

15 third program instructions responsive to receiving an  
16 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a  
17 receivable commodity for executing a positive  
18 confirmation process including matching said invoice to  
19 said purchase order, generating from said invoice a  
20 notification to said requestor that includes  
21 information needed to pay the invoice and a selectable  
22 button for authorizing or rejecting payment to enable  
23 said three way match by said requestor of goods  
24 received, purchase order, and invoice, and responsive  
25 to authorization by said authorizer, creating an  
26 automated receipt transaction file and entering said  
27 transaction file into a system for payment;

28 fourth program instructions responsive to receiving an  
29 invoice for a commodity marked at requisition as a non-

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30           receivable commodity for executing a negative  
31           confirmation process; and wherein  
  
32           said first, second, third and fourth program  
33           instructions are recorded on said medium.

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